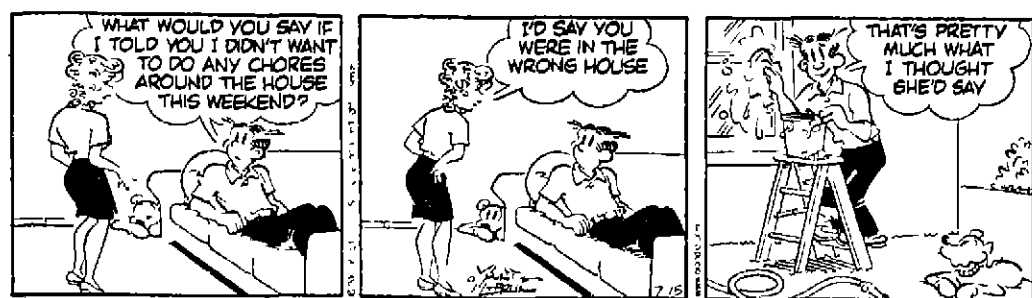


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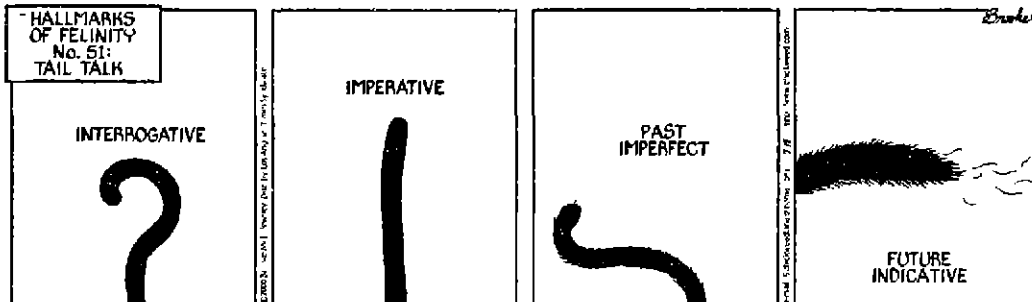
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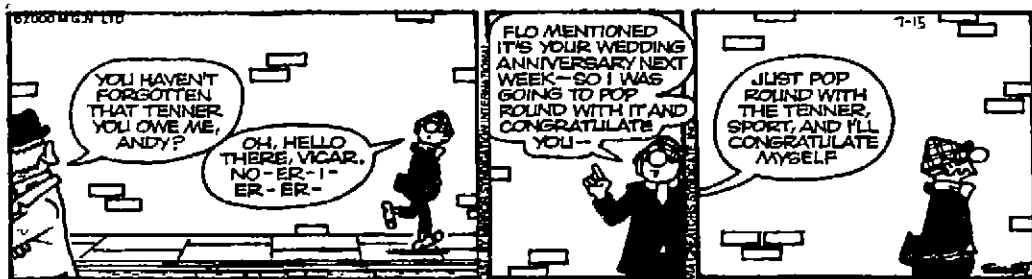
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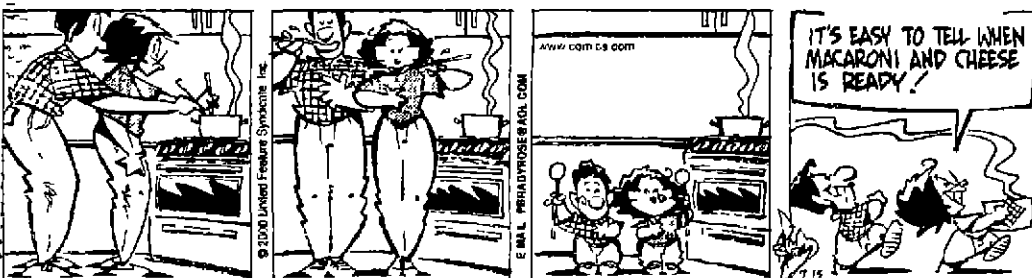
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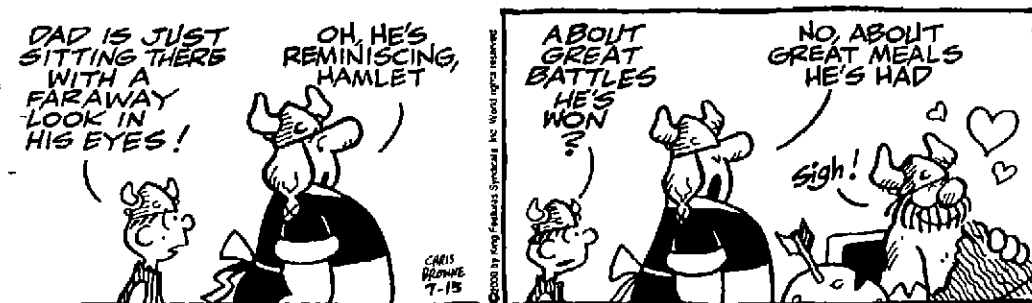
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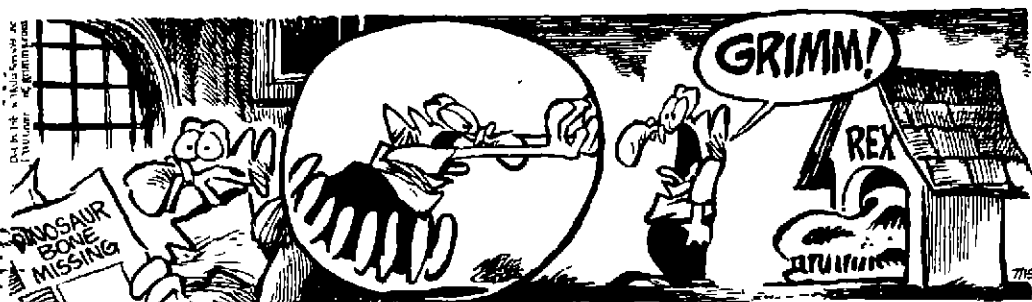
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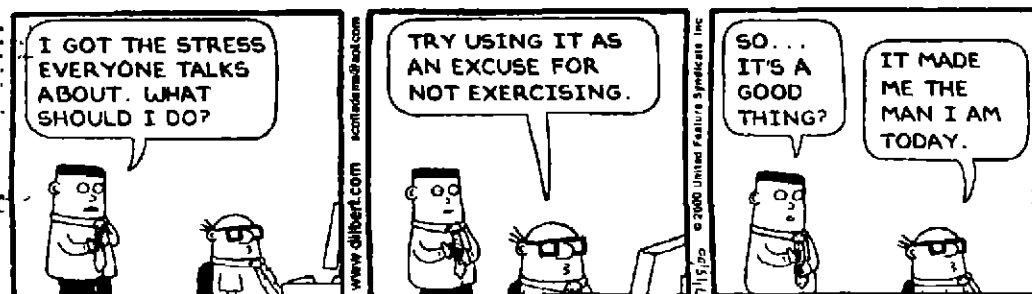
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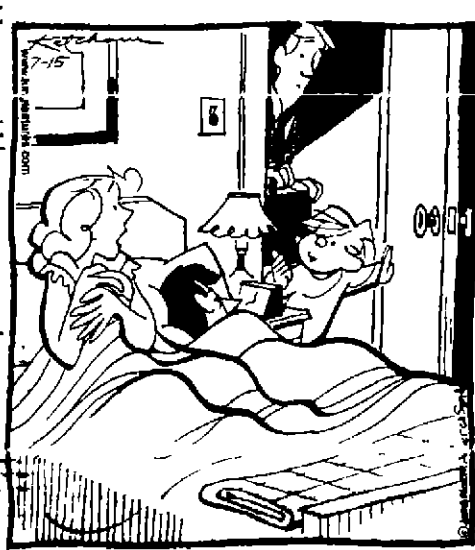
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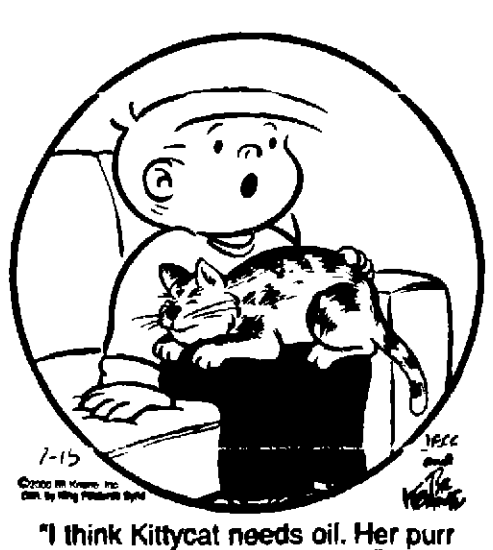
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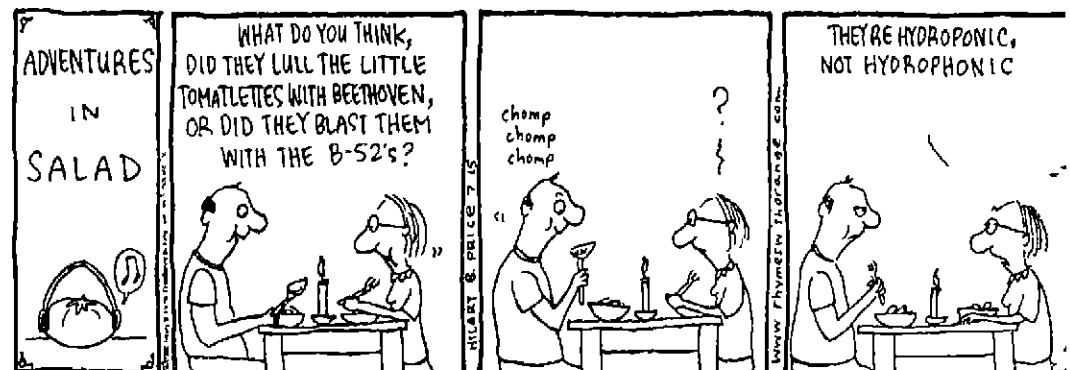
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Philip Carey is 75 Actor Alex Karras is 65 Actor Ken Kercheval is 65 Actor Patrick Wayne is 61 Actor Jan-Michael Vincent is 56 Rhythm-and-blues singer Millie Jackson is 56 Rock singer-musician Peter Dinklage is 55 Singer Linda Ronstadt is 54 Actor Terry O'Quinn is 48 Model Kim Alexis is 40 Actor Willie Aames is 40

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S	L	E	E	I	D	Y	Double Word Score
D	R	B	R	A	A	I	Triple Word Score
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PAR SCORE 115-125
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points to each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter. Have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 7-15-00

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

—EGG

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Friday's unlisted clue: ROW
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue: ZERO POINTS
Bed: Febrile, Hard-boiled, Rotten
Beaten: Fried, Meat, Scrambled
Dinosaur: Golden, Poached, Soft-boiled
Easter: Good, Robin's

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, July 16

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your career or favorite pastime might be presenting you with a challenge.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Suddenly, you're everybody's darling. Soak up this special treatment while it lasts.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might have the odd sensation that people around you are questioning your abilities.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Strains and pressures from all angles of your life are forcing you to make some quick decisions.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Even a rubber chicken and a Marx Brothers movie might not be able to raise your spirits.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You might feel imposed upon by others' emotions or will.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Family gatherings or large events might strain the relationship between you and your partner.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your communication skills are very effective at this moment.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Financial matters have stepped into the forefront—and for the better.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't run yourself ragged.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) People will begin to recognize the hard effort you've been making.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Just being yourself will get you noticed.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West's club queen went to South's ace, and South led a diamond to dummy's ace. Dummy's trump 10 was passed to West's jack, and West led his club five to East's king. South dropping the 10. Taking the opportunity to attack South's trump length, East led another club, forcing South to ruff. South countered with a diamond to dummy's queen to lead another trump from dummy. Impatiently, East took his ace and shifted to hearts, dummy's ace winning. A third trump from dummy allowed South to pick up East's pesky trump, and the fortunate 3-3 diamond split gave South his game. When did East go wrong? He released his trump ace too early. After South crossed to dummy's diamond queen to lead a trump, East should have played a low trump, not his ace. South wins a finesse with his nine, but loses control of the play. Leading trumps is helpless surrender, and whether he leads diamonds or hearts, East scores both his ace and queen of trumps to defeat the contract. The trump ace is a priceless commodity. It doesn't pay to use it without purpose.

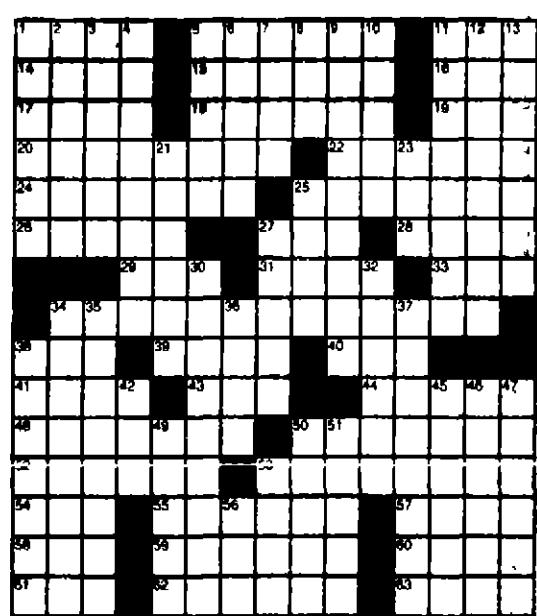
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0603

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mineral residue
 - 5 Zealous
 - 11 Electric partner?
 - 14 Turbaned priest
 - 15 Lowlifes
 - 16 Handel's "for St. Cecilia's Day"
 - 17 Pontifices' home
 - 18 Depression starters, maybe
 - 19 Member of a colony
 - 20 One or two game implements?
 - 22 New York's "Square"
 - 24 Disarrange, in a way
 - 25 One or two vehicles?
 - 26 False
 - 27 Hole number
 - 28 Steinbeck figure
 - 29 Letter of a chapter?
 - 31 Newton, a g
 - 33 Flaky
 - 34 One or two spreads?
 - 38 "Two Virgins" musician
 - 39 Filly filler
 - 40 Withheld
 - 41 Coup
 - 43 "___, Duncan, Jack & Jane" (sitcom)
 - 44 Flies around the world?
 - 48 One or two beverages?
 - 50 Minor repair
 - 52 To be returned
 - 53 One or two canners?
 - 54 Hugues Capet, e.g.
 - 55 Terrible to the max
 - 57 Like, with "to"
 - 58 "Inside NASCAR" channel
 - 59 Kind of ticket
 - 60 Split
 - 61 Go with
 - 62 Win over
 - 63 Joule divisions
- DOWN**
- 1 Traveling show
 - 2 Check entry
 - 3 San Diego suburb
 - 4 It may take a stand, briefly
 - 5 Gelatin dish
 - 6 Ravenous?
 - 7 On-line convenience locale
 - 8 French toast recipient?
 - 9 One of the Minor Prophets
 - 10 Where Southend-on-Sea is
 - 11 Break, in a way
 - 12 Capital on Gulf St. Vincent
 - 13 Germination station
 - 14 Figure on one's figure

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BALLOON, LIGHTS, INFLUENCE, POODLE, ANAEROBIC, ANGLE, SEMI-TRUCK, COWBOY, NOAK, WISKY, CHATEAU, UNIVERSE, WENO, SCENETH, OAK, BRUSQUE, ADA, COASTGUARD, CTGS, ESSENE, MONEY, UNIFY, UPOT, LEMON, SYMBIOSE, INAGUE, PIANOLAN, MINUET, COBBLEMAN, SEEMTO, ANODYNES



Puzzle by Patrick D. Barry

- 23 Copacabana locale
- 25 Bite
- 27 Winnings
- 30 Like TV's Xena
- 32 Foil
- 34 Private
- 35 Trust marking
- 36 Looking down on?
- 37 Quaint cry of surprise
- 38 In a way
- 42 Eastern way
- 45 Cocktail-making and
- 46 Preconcert activity
- 47 Lays out
- 48 Service holder in the service
- 50 Coil creator
- 51 Sea (fur animal)
- 53 Castro, for one
- 56 Backwoods address abbr.

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